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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Request to Attend Annual Conference of
Association for Asian Studies

1. The Association for Asian Studies will hold its annual conference this year 24-26 March in San Francisco. I request permission to attend the conference, meet with professors who are doing good research work now on China, and sit in on discussions of papers fielded by some of the scholars. I will not discuss classified information nor will I touch on any aspect of US policy. There probably will be some representatives of the press present, but I will not discuss CIA matters with them. I will be identified, together with several CIA co-workers, as an employee of CIA.

2. Arrangements for an additional, CIA-sponsored seminar probably will be made soon. This is to be a small affair -- not more than a dozen professors from west coast universities -- at which new techniques of political analysis will be a topic. These professors undoubtedly will also want to know what we think about the current China scene, and will be made to understand that no classified information will be revealed to them. This seminar will provide us with the opportunity to meet with the professors who have come for the conference, who desire a more in-depth series of discussions with Agency analysts, and who otherwise would not be able to travel to a CIA-sponsored seminar at a different time and a different place. The seminar probably will be held in San Francisco or across the bay, in Berkeley.

3. I have not previously attended an Association for Asian Studies conference and I am not a member of the AAS.


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